

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC)
City of Rosemead
September 27, 2010**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held at the Garvey Center, 9108 Garvey Avenue, Rosemead, CA 91770 and was called to order at approximately 4:08pm.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Dan Arrighi, Vice Chair
Mr. Denis Bertone
Ms. Barbara Carrera
Mr. Bryan Cash (for Sec. Snow)
Ms. Margaret Clark
Mr. Frank Colonna, Chair
Mr. Jon Bishop (for Ms. Adams)

Mr. Stan Chen (for Mr. Stetson)
Mr. Daniel Sulzer (for Col. Toy)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Troy Edgar
Mr. Patrick O'Donnell
Mr. Edward Wilson
Mr. Gordon Shanks
Ms. Ana Matosantos
Supervisor Gloria Molina

Mr. John Donnelly
Mr. Bernie Weingardt
Ms. Gail Farber
Ms. Ruth Coleman
Mr. Jess Carbajal

STAFF PRESENT

Belinda Faustinos, Executive Officer
Valerie Thompson, Board Secretary
Terry Fujimoto, Deputy Attorney General

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were forthcoming.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No corrections were noted.

Vice-chair Arrighi motioned to approve the minutes; Mr. Bertone seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

No report was given.

6. DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

No report was given.

7. PRESENTATION TO THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CONSERVATION CORPS

The Executive Officer gave a presentation on the park clean-up event that was held in the City of El Monte where the San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps (SGVCC) contributed a great deal of service. Chair Colonna gave a presentation of recognition to the SGVCC for the service that they provide to the RMC, and the corps members were presented with certificates of appreciation.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

8. LEGISLATIVE

The Executive Officer gave an update on AB1805, AB1818, AB2554, AB2701, AB1998, and HR3534.

9. CAPITAL OUTLAY AND SUPPORT BUDGET

The Executive Officer pointed out that staff reformatted the Capital Outlay section of the report and the changes in the formatting were noted, and an update on the items was given. A report on advance funds was given and it was noted that several advance checks were refunded to the RMC by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District. An update on the support budget was also given.

10. CUMULATIVE GRANT PROJECT STATUS SUMMARY

The Executive Officer noted that out of 157 projects to date, 119 have been completed and 38 remain active.

11. PROJECT AND LIAISON ACTIVITIES

The Executive Officer gave a status report on the Duck Farm and noted that the WCA is ready to begin preliminary work on the site. It was also noted that the WCA authorized a contract which would allow use of EPA funds that had been set aside for site remediation. An update on the Emerald Necklace and River Wilderness Park Project was also given. The Coastal Clean-up Day at the Los Cerritos Wetlands was mentioned.

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12. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT TO THE LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY (LCWA) FOR THE LCWA PHASE II SITE RESTORATION AND RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS CONCEPTUAL PLAN (RMC10000).

The Executive Officer reported that the grant was in the amount of \$225,000, and an update and description of the Hellman and Bryant properties was presented. It was noted that the project is one of the last remaining opportunities for significant wetlands restoration in southern California.

Mr. Bertone motioned to approve the resolution; Ms. Carrera seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

13. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING A GRANT TO THE LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY (LCWA) FOR THE HELLMAN ACQUISITION RELATED EXPENDITURES, CITY OF SEAL BEACH (RMC08106).

The Executive Officer informed Board members that this action would authorize moving a portion of the funds that have been allocated for the Hellman project to the Phase III project of the Los Cerritos Wetlands project. An update and description of the property was given, and it was noted that the wetlands delineation study would be approximately \$30,000.

Mr. Bertone motioned to approve the resolution; Ms. Clark seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

14. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT TO THE CITY OF LONG BEACH FOR THE DEFOREST PARK WETLANDS PROJECT (RMC10006).

Sandra Gonzalez, Manager of Planning and Development for the City of Long Beach, addressed the Board and thanked the Board for their consideration of the grant. She gave a summary and update on the status of the project.

Mr. Cash motioned to approve the resolution; Vice-Chair Arrighi seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

15. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

The Executive Officer regrettably announced that she plans to retire effective May 4, 2011, and requested that the Board approve adding an item to the next Board meetings agenda to begin the process of selecting a selection committee for the recruitment of a new Executive Officer for the RMC. She mentioned that she would be willing to move the date back if a candidate was selected and wished to start earlier than May 4, 2011. Several Board members acknowledged Ms. Faustinos for her expertise, dedication, and service to the RMC and other JPAs.

Bryan Cash requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Ron Schafer, Board Designee, as he had recently passed away.

16. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Board meeting will be held on November 22, 2010, in the City of Bellflower at 3:00pm.

17. ADJOURNMENT UPON COMPLETION OF BUSINESS

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Colonna in memory of Ron Schafer at 4:41pm.